GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 12.58 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s. Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad – Final (Stage-II) approval accorded

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ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.13 **Dated.02.03.2023**

Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/4/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 20.06.2022.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1486/Sec.II/2022/1764447, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.01.07.2022
3)From GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APC181/2022-VIJ/474, Dt.27.07.2022.
4)Govt.Memo.No.1486/Sec.II/2022/1764447, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.28.07.2022.
5)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/4/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 06.01.2023.
6)State Govt., letter Lr.No.1486/Sec.II/2022/1764447, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.27.01.2023.
7)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APC181/2022-VIJ/600, Dt.07.02.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 12.58 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s. Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad and requested to take necessary action under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh., Guntur, has furnished compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to consider the same and forward it to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for taking necessary action to accord Stage-II approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, State Government have forwarded compliance report to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada and requested to accord Final(Stage-II) approval for the proposal vide in the letter 6th read above.

5. In the letter 7th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded Final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for

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diversion of 12.58 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s. Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 12.58 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s.Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency.

iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out required CA activities, if possible over an extent of 12.75 ha (Bit-I-4.51 ha and Bit -II - 8.24 ha) in Sy.Nos.1830, 1836, 1835, 1828/part, 1828/1part, 1828/2, 1829/part and 1827 in Panyam Village, Panyam Mandal, Kurnool District, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

iv. The Non forest area identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The CA land shall be demarcated properly and local villagers are adequately sensitized regarding the transfer of non forest land to Forest Department so as to avoid encroachments;

v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

vi. The User Agency shall get a Wildlife Mitigation Plan prepared & get it duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden before lifting of water from Gorakallu Reservoir. The State Forest Department shall implement the same at the cost of User Agency:

vii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;

viii. Felling of tree shall be carried out wherever necessary under strict supervision of the Forest Department;

ix. The User Agency shall maintain standard Right of Way for the proposed transmission line with capacity of 33 KV;

x. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;

xi. Construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;

xii. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;

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xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xiv. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;

xv. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xvi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 12.58 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xvii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xix. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

xx. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules/guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECTION OFFICER